

**Amendments to the Specification**

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments to the specification.

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0001] The present application is a continuation-in-part of ~~U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/798,457~~ U.S. Patent No. 6,917,696 filed on Mar. 11, 2004 which is a continuation of U.S. Patent No. 6,711,283 filed on May 3, 2000 and claims priority to U.S. provisional patent application Ser. No. 60/463,909 filed on Apr. 17, 2003, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Please replace paragraph [0048] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0048] Alternatively, the procedure could store the first calculated contrast value and then compare each new contrast value to the stored value and store the new value if it indicated greater contrast. Alternative methods may also be employed, as will be understood by one having skill in the art. Additionally, the frame of imagery ~~date~~ data that is captured is advantageously discarded after the contrast value has been calculated.